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TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have implemented the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the budgetary provision made for the purpose during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) whether the Union Government have fixed any target under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of persons benefited under the said scheme during each of the last three years and till date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) The scheme provides financial assistance to STstudents for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields at master`s level courses, Ph.D. and Post Doctoral researchprogrammes, in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Science. The budget provision during the year 1999-2000,2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is as under:-

Rs In lakhs

1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
+172.00	57.00	57.00

+ The budget provision during the year 1999-2000 was for both SC & STs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The award of scholarships to STs is up to 9 candidates and 1 award is for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes.

(e) Total 7 ST candidates have been selected for the selection years 1998-99 & 1999- 2000(combined). State-wise details of scholars is as under:-

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Candidate
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
4.	Maharashtra	1

5. Kerala 1
6. Uttar Pradesh 1

However, no scholarship was awarded during 2000-01 as there was poor response to the advertisement circulated, therefore it was readvertised. Meanwhile the scheme came to an end on 31st March, 2001. The process for continuing the scheme as well as selection of scholars is in progress.